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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE - ARREST OF OPPOSITION FIGURES

REF: SEOUL 1585

1. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN
FOR MARCH 3 PRESS BRIEFING.

QUOTE:

QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE ARREST OF
SEVERAL KOREAN OPPOSITION FIGURES FOR THEIR MARCH 1
STATEMENT CALLING FOR RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY AND
DEMANDING THAT PRESIDENT PARK STEP DOWN?

ANSWER: WHILE WE DO NOT WISH TO COMMENT ON INTERNAL
POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS, WE ARE OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT
THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN KOREA. THE REPUBLIC OF
KOREA IS AWARE OF THESE CONCERNS AS WELL AS THE IMPACT

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IN THIS COUNTRY OF ITS DOMESTIC ACTIONS.

QUESTION: HAVE WE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THIS DEVELOPMENT?

ANSWER: I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT AT THIS TIME.
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2. DEPT HAS RECEIVED NO PRESS QUERIES ON SUBJECT.

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